

04-160 Agriculture and Forestry

The Department of Agriculture and Forestry, directed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, is authorized under Article IV, Section 10, of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974. The mission of the department is to exercise all functions of the state relating to the promotion, protection and advancement of agriculture (except research and educational functions allocated to other agencies of state government). The goals of the department are:

1. Foster efficiency by maintaining effectiveness and low administrative costs by ensuring the success of all other departmental programs.
2. Create and sustain markets and affect jobs through its development of value-added food, agriculture and forestry products industries by way of financial assistance and counsel.
3. Assure that feed, fertilizer, horticultural products, pesticides and seeds meet quality standards.
4. Maintain a safe and healthy food supply for the people of Louisiana, while simultaneously protecting and safeguarding the producers of these products.
5. Provide regulatory services to ensure consumer protection for Louisiana producers and consumers.
6. Ensure the sustained high level of production of wood fiber while enhancing the recreational, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, and air quality values of forest lands.
7. Bring to the people of Louisiana the best technical assistance possible in order to protect and enhance the state's soil and water resources.

The Department of Agriculture and Forestry strives to achieve its goals through the operation of seven programs: Office of Management and Finance, Marketing, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Office of Animal Health Services, Office of Agro-Consumer Services, Forestry, and Office of Soil and Water Conservation.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 1998-1999	ACT 10 1999- 2000	EXISTING 1999- 2000	CONTINUATION 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$33,011,031	\$41,805,404	\$41,805,404	\$47,848,252	\$38,499,698	(\$3,305,706)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	435,343	836,189	836,189	341,003	341,003	(495,186)
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	9,728,520	15,245,177	15,245,177	15,405,433	15,097,936	(147,241)
Statutory Dedications	24,394,257	52,324,924	53,417,221	53,964,138	52,949,175	(468,046)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	6,534,162	7,475,428	7,475,428	7,497,591	7,229,819	(245,609)
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$74,103,313	\$117,687,122	\$118,779,419	\$125,056,417	\$114,117,631	(\$4,661,788)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Management and Finance	\$14,358,690	\$15,212,691	\$15,212,691	\$17,699,500	\$13,379,710	(\$1,832,981)
Marketing	2,236,778	2,395,362	2,395,362	2,495,474	2,287,806	(107,556)
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	23,704,634	57,190,814	57,190,814	57,989,444	55,500,638	(1,690,176)
Animal Health Services	9,277,825	10,329,105	10,329,105	11,431,048	9,829,898	(499,207)
Agro-Consumer Services	3,992,488	4,511,142	4,511,142	4,930,613	4,323,871	(187,271)
Forestry	14,982,050	16,625,373	17,717,670	18,771,035	17,202,981	(514,689)
Soil and Water Conservation	2,385,828	2,462,179	2,462,179	2,534,349	2,440,158	(22,021)
Auxiliary Account	3,165,020	8,960,456	8,960,456	9,204,954	9,152,569	192,113
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$74,103,313	\$117,687,122	\$118,779,419	\$125,056,417	\$114,117,631	(\$4,661,788)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	782	788	788	788	748	(40)
Unclassified	57	51	51	51	51	0
TOTAL	839	839	839	839	799	(40)

The Total Recommended amount above includes \$25,194,526 of supplementary recommendations for the Animal Health Program, Agro-Consumer Services Program, the Soil and Water Conservation Program, and for the specific items of Commodities Storage and Distribution Project in the Management and Finance Program, and the Formosan Termite Initiative located within the Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Program. These items are contingent upon revenue sources subject to Legislative approval and recognition by the Revenue Estimating Conference.

This agency's recommended appropriation includes \$1,575,944 for short-term debt, including Lease Purchase agreements.

This agency's recommended appropriation includes \$143,074 for long-term debt.

Total long-term debt service payments for the state for Fiscal Year 1996-1997 are reflected in the Governor's Executive Budget in Non-Appropriated Requirements Schedule 22-922. This agency's recommended appropriation also includes the following amount by means of financing for payments on the unfunded accrued liability of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 29 of the Constitution of Louisiana:

State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 600,206
State General Fund by:	
Interagency Transfers	5,279
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	233,748
Statutory Dedications	819,766
Federal Funds	111,933
Total	\$1,770,932